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VERMONT BIBLE SOCIETY.

The tenth annual meeting of this society was held at Montpelier on the 16th ultimo.

Officers of the Society.

Hon. Charles Marsh, *President.*
Rev. Leonard Worcester, } *Vice*
Rev. Clark Kendrick, } *Pre's.*
His Hon. Aaron Leland,
Rev. Joel Steele,
Hon. Wm. Slade, Jun.
" Chauncey Langdon,
" Joseph D. Farnsworth,
" Elijah Paine,
" William Hall,
} *Directors.*
Rev. Chester Wright, *Secretary.*
Hon. Jeduthun Loomis, *Trea'er.*
Rev. Otto S. Hoyt,
Hon. Chauncey Langdon,
Delegates to Am. B. Society.

Report of Directors.

To imitate Him who is good to all, and whose tender mercies are over all his works, is the dignity, the glory, and the felicity of man. God is love: and he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, and God in him. The same benevolent disposition is the bond which unites all the happy subjects of Immanuel's kingdom, and binds all to the throne of God. Happy then, are those whose hearts are warmed with the celestial flame, and who, in the exercise of it, are working together with God. Happy are all those associations whose sole object is to do good to mankind. Among these, Bible Societies hold a conspicuous and important rank.

Ten years have elapsed, since we associated for the purpose of multiplying copies of the Bible, and furnishing the destitute, first in our own State, and subsequently in every part of the earth, with that precious word, which, thro' the abounding grace of God, is able to make us wise unto salvation. Since that time, including 200 Bibles received as a donation from the Connecticut Bible Society, and 525 from the American Bible Society for distribution in Canada, we have procured, and chiefly distributed, 7631 Bibles and 1350 Testaments. We have also made donations to the N. Y. Bible Society to the amount of 300 dollars, to aid that Society in printing an edition of the Bible in French. We have sent to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, to aid in the translation of the Bible into foreign languages, 200 dollars, and remitted to the Treasury of the American Bible Society 2400 dollars. Thus it appears that this Society, since its formation, has raised monies sufficient to purchase more than eleven thousand and seven hundred Bibles. This, it is admitted, is little to what has been done by many of our sister Societies. It is little to what might have been done in this State. But little as it is, it has furnished many a destitute family with the precious word of everlasting life, and we have reason to believe, has been instrumental of opening the eyes of some who were slumbering in spiritual death, and of bringing them to rejoice in the light and to walk in the liberty of the sons of God.

Soon after the last annual meeting, the Directors found themselves able to order the purchase of 400 Bibles, and the remittance of 300 dollars to the Treasurer of the American Bible Society.—These orders have been executed

by the Treasurer, and the Bibles received and distributed.

The Secretary having been apprized of an opportunity to distribute a few French Bibles in Canada, immediately wrote to the Secretary of the A. B. S. requesting that 25 copies of the French Bible might be furnished for that purpose. This request was immediately answered by the generous grant of an hundred copies instead of the number requested.

The Secretary for Domestic correspondence, in his letter announcing the grant of these Bibles, says "You will please regard this grant as an evidence of the affectionate sentiments of the Managers towards your Society, and of their desire to furnish the sacred scriptures to the needy Canadians."

These Bibles having been forwarded to Montpelier, instead of being left as was intended at Burlington, are now on hand ready to be distributed in Canada whenever an opportunity shall occur.

The following is an account of the present state of your treasury.

Remaining in the Treasury Oct. 1821,	$626 00
Paid in during the year, cash from Windham Co.	2 00
November, 1821.	
By cash for bibles sold by Rev. D H. Williston,	69 31
February 23, 1822.	
By cash from Female Bible Society in Royalton,	22 74
March, 1822.	
By cash to constitute Rev. Benj. Putnam a member for life, by Ladies of his Society,	20 00
June 5.	
By donation by a Lady in Fort Ann, N. Y.	1 00
Cash for bibles sold	3 38
October 16, 1822.	
By cash, donation from Hon. Charles Marsh,	3 00
Cash from Hon. Elijah Paine as member,	2 00
Ellis Cobb, Esq. do.	2 00
Hon. Wm. Slade, jr. do.	2 00
Rev. Joel Winch, do.	2 00
For Bibles sold	3 40
Cash from Hon. Elijah Strong, jr.	6 00
From Windham Co. B. S.	34 00
" Caledonia Co	231 00
" Bennington Co	116 08
" Orange Co.	126 79
" Rutland Co.	92 00
" Essex Co.	8 00
" Franklin Co.	47 00
" Windsor Co.	44 00
Washington County members, &c.	48 00
Contribution Waitsfield,	5 78
Bible association Moretown,	3 70
	$1521 16
There has been paid out in the same time	
Donation to American B. S. by order of the Directors	300 00
For purchase of Bibles	300 00
Services of Treasurer	20 00
For transportation of bibles	5 19
	625 19
Leaving in the Trasury Oct. 16, 1822, at the disposal of the directors, the sum of	$895 97

We are happy to be able to record for your encouragement, an evident increase of zeal in the cause of the Bible manifested in ferent parts of the world, it should some Counties, by remitting larger sums the present year than ever before. We hope the leaven of this spirit will extend to every County in the State, and that none who have heretofore patronized this Society will be weary in well doing. However well the inhabitants of this State may be supplied with Bibles, and however extensive are the operations of Bible Societies in dif be remembered, that the major part of the population of this great globe are still sitting in darkness, and see no light. To them, no voice from heaven announces the glad tidings that a Savior is born, nor gives them the least information of that eternity to which they

are bound. Never, beloved brethren, never let us remit our exertions, never let us cease to extend the hand of charity, till the darkness in which they are involved shall be dissipated, and the cheering light of revealed truth shall show to every family and to every soul, the path to heaven.

CHESTER WRIGHT, *Sec'ry.*

Extracts of a letter from Mr. John C. Elsworth, assistant missionary at Brainerd, who went from Greensboro' in this State, about a year since. The letter is dated, Brainerd, Aug. 1, 1822, and written to a friend in Long-Meadow, Mass. by whom it was forwarded to the editor of the Christian Mirror, Portland, Me. from which paper we make the following extracts.

Immediately after my arrival, the charge of the boys, in working hours, was assigned to me: and in May, the exclusive charge, in school and out. It is entirely vain for any one hereafter, to say that Indians cannot be taught. I have been highly gratified with the proficiency of the boys, and think I have never seen a school, where the ambition of the scholars was more visible. In writing especially, they exceed my most sanguine expectations.

Sometime in May, I thought I could perceive more than usual seriousness on the minds of some of the boys. It has been the practice here for some time to call the children together on Sabbath afternoon, to sing, and converse, and pray with them. About this time I questioned them separately, and inquired who would promise to attend to secret prayer daily, and plead for new hearts. I found quite a number willing to engage. From appearances I have reason to think that many were punctual until the vacation, when they generally returned to their homes.

After the school commenced again, I renewed my inquiries; and was gratified to find, that some were more impressed. I then proposed to them, that I would meet those who had a desire to hear more about the Savior, and would pray with them. My invitation was to those who felt that they were sinners. At the second meeting, I found that one indulged a hope that he loved the Savior. At the next, two more—and many others were deeply impressed. Of the three above mentioned, we have as comfortable evidence as we could expect, from minds that have scarcely seen one ray of the gospel sun. One of them speaks English entirely; the others speak a little. Our brethren have labored here for years; and peradventure the Lord will be gracious and answer their prayers. We know not what will be the issue; bnt we certainly have great encouragement to pray.

The measles have prevailed very generally through the nation. The principal part of our scholars have had the disorder, but are all fast recovering.

The prospect in regard to schools and preaching is flattering. There are as many as three or four places where we think schools indispensable, and where they will probably be established.

Aug. 9.—Since writing the above, I have again commenced my meetings with the boys, which were suspended on account of the sickness. I am happy to find that the seriousness continues, and likewise the hopes of the new converts. There are many difficulties in imparting instruction to these children, for want of good interpreters. We can get those

who can talk English fluently, yet are not sufficiently enlightened to be able to give all our ideas without some misconstruction.

Aug. 12.—The mail passes us to-day, and I must send my scroll, without time to copy it. I shall make no excuses for its imperfections, but want of time and talents. I have been writing this, at near half a dozen different times.

The christian public are generally doing much for the cause of missions, by contributing money and clothing. The cause requires the most efficient exertions of the whole christian world in this way. But something else is absolutely necessary; a rich and bountiful donation of fervent and wrestling prayers to the great Head of the church, for those who labor in the missionary field, that they may feel their responsibility. The longer I remain on mission ground, the more I feel the truth of this. I know I need more of the spirit of my station, and more love for souls around me.

May the Lord make you faithful, my dear sir, in *your* important charge, and give you many souls as the crown of your rejoicing.

Accept our best love to yourself, and our dear Mrs. ———; and believe us ever yours in the bonds of the gospel.

JOHN C. ELSWORTH.

From the Christian Herald.

Reflections before, at the time of, and after attending a Ball, or Fashionable Tea Party, addressed to a young lady.

Soon, my dear friend, you anticipate the arrival of an hour which, you may expect, will bring along with it peculiar satisfaction, and enjoyment of no ordinary kind. If your heart beats with the hope of finding it so, if you exult in the prospect, allow me to suggest a few reflections, which the voice of friendship, and your best, which are your eternal interests, call upon you to consider.—At the end of each sentence, please to make a solemn pause, and for this once be honest with yourself.—Let conscience do its designed office.

By and by you will be busily employed in arraying that body which is now actuated by a precious *immortal principle.* When engaged in fitting the mantua and ruff, carry yourself, in imagination, to a sick and dying bed. Ask, is this body, now so much caressed, soon to be placed upon a bed of languishing, its strength being prostrated? Am I soon to be surrounded by my friends and acquaintances, to whom I must bid a *last,* a long farewell, having no prospect of seeing them again in the flesh? How long before the same body will be followed by a train of weeping mourners and surviving friends, to the narrow house of death, and there be deposited beneath the clods of the valley, among the congregations of the dead?

Not only about your body be solicitous, but about your never dying soul also—that spirit which is to run parallel with the existence of God. Ask, is my heart right with God? Have I repented of my sins, believed in the Lord Jesus Christ to the saving of my soul? Have I given up my heart to God and submitted to Christ; receiving him as my Prophet, Priest, and King? Am I now clothed in his righteousness, which alone proves the wedding garment and thus gain me admission to the marriage supper of the Lamb? Probably you will appear in white this evening. Ask, if you are pre-

pared to "walk in white" with God in heaven?

As you shall stand upon the floor, just ready to trip over a spot, which will ever be a witness ready, in connexion with your own conscience, in seasons of sober reflection, to testify to the vanity of such conduct, think of the omniscience and omnipresence of that Being whose eyes search, and whose eyelids try the children of men. Ask, am I in the presence of my Judge? Am I obeying his command, "Redeem the time?" Am I here laying up treasure in heaven, that I may have something to stay me upon when passing the Jordan of death, and to stand by me when ushered into the eternal world? or collecting fruit to vex and annoy me in life, to harass me in death, and to prove a gnawing worm beyond the grave? Do I appear amidst this gayety, mirth, and hilarity, like a rational creature tending towards eternity, and but an *inch* of time to prepare for the same? How is it? Am I here trifling with God, with my own soul, and with the souls of others, and sporting with eternal things, and that too in the view of heaven angels, and men? Be astonished, O heavens! and blush, O earth! at such folly,—that one of thy offspring should hazard its *all* that is good or great, for the sinful gratification of a momentary pleasure!

When the refreshments of the evening shall be handed, ask, am I looking forward, anxiously and joyfully anticipating the time when I shall eat bread and drink new wine in the upper kingdom? If not, why am I here, amidst the worldly, fashionable, and gay? Why not sequestered? Why not upon my knees before God, supplicating for mercy to pardon, and for grace to help me in time of need? Why am I not, instead of following a phantom, a visionary object, seeking the *one thing needful, the chief good?*

As you shall separate from your companions, reflect upon that time when Christ shall divide the nations of the earth, as a shepherd divideth the sheep from the goats.

Have you made a pause at each sentence? What were your conclusions? Not to me, but to God and to your own conscience, reply.

If you have resolved to go, and still persist in your resolution, shall I say, go? I dare not; for I see danger, yea, *poison* lurks within the cup you are about to drink. But before you shall have tasted of it, you may be drinking one *far*, FAR more bitter. Shall I tell you, that the case of one was related to me, who, while in the act of preparing for a ball, was suddenly brought down, and soon expired? It is true. And it was a female. Your best interests call upon you to desist. All heaven cries out, *stay! stay!!* And the voice of your friend is, turn ye, *turn ye*, for why will you die? May you be saved,—may you be saved.—But, if not—if not, let me appeal to your heart and conscience, as in the presence of the great I AM, and ask, is not your blood far from the skirts of my garments, and will it not be required at your own hands?

From the Christian Mirror.

On the Means of making Revivals of Religion extensive.

1. Visits to places favored with revivals of religion would promote the extension of a revival. Such visits might be blessed to the unconverted. They might be eminently useful also to profes-

sors. The revival on the day of Pentecost, may with some reason be called a revival among professors. The multitude who came together were *devout* men. They assembled at Jerusalem from gentile nations, probably for the worship of the true God.

2. The visits of two neighboring ministers together, with a revival spirit in their own hearts, would promote the spread of revivals. They might spend only a day or two in the place they visit. Their united exhortations and prayers would be more effectual than the labors of one.

3. The extension of revivals of religion might be promoted by the labors of men of a revival spirit, travelling from place to place. One man in New-England, by doing this, has been an invaluable blessing to the churches. Other men might accomplish the same things.

4. Revivals of religion are extended by those means which promote union and correspondence in the churches.

The means of extending revivals of religion have been thus briefly mentioned. One idea gives importance to this subject. *Extensive* revivals originate in a *little* revival. The revivals of religion in the last century, in England, and even in this country, may be said to have commenced in a little revival among a few students in Oxford University. A revival of religion which spread extensively 18 months since in Vermont, originated in Middlebury College. The late great revival in Connecticut began with a few christians in New-Haven. If this is an ordinary fact, it is a subject of most solemn inquiry, by what means may a revival of religion be extensively spread, and be made general through a whole state. It is peculiarly interesting to christians in Maine, because a revival here is peculiarly needed, and would be peculiarly important.

Amongst the follies of the heathen, Rev. Mr. Nichols, Missionary near Bombay, notices the enormous expenses of their weddings. So great is the tyranny of custom, that "a man's reputation and standing in society are made to depend on the appearance he can make at his wedding. The people are so lost to all sense of what constitutes real excellence, that they, who would be ashamed to beg for any other purpose, will do it for this; and many sell themselves and all their services for life to get money for that occasion." Thus for the sake of one vain parade, making themselves slaves till death. Mr. Nichols witnessed the celebration of a splendid Hindoo wedding. The bride and bridegroom were from Bombay, and were accompanied by an immense retinue to Tannah.

Mr. Nichols, missionary near Bombay, relates in his journal, that at Neermul, in India, is the tomb of a Brahmin, who was reputed to be an incarnation of the God Sheeva. His tomb is one of the most celebrated places to which pilgrimages are made. Nov. 30, 1820, it was said that 30,000 people were on the spot, making their ablutions, and performing ceremonies. Vast numbers from Bombay and different parts of the Concan had assembled. Whilst wicked men will do nothing as God commands them, they will voluntarily risk property, hazard ease, and even expose life itself, in the service of Satan, and in the follies of a false religion!

An Asylum for the Insane, is contemplated in Connecticut. It is said that there are a thousand persons of this description in the State. $15000 have been obtained for it by subscription. $600 have been appropriated to the object by the Medical Society, and $5000 by the Legislature at their last session. The Governor is requested also to issue his brief annually for five years, for a collection in the several churches in the State. Larger subscriptions are expected, as a large proportion of the State has not yet been visited by the Agents. It is pleasing to observe how a due regard to the temporal interests of our unhappy fellow-men, keeps pace with the increasing regard to their spiritual interests.—*Boston Recorder.*

A WARNING TO SABBATH BREAKERS.

A young gentleman living in —— county, who had been married but a short period, employed his time in hunting squirrels on the Sabbath day—having shot one of these little animals on a tree, he endeavoured to lift his brother up the limb, for the purpose of securing the prize, with the butt end of the musket, which he had reloaded. While in the act of affording such assistance, the piece went off; he received the contents in his body, and almost instantly expired.

Balt. Morn. Chron.

CHRISTIAN ALMANAC FOR 1823.

This little manual we should be pleased to find in the possession of every family, and have the satisfaction of informing our subscribers in this region that they are for sale at several stores in this village.

Destitute Congregational and Presbyter an Churches in Vt.

WINDHAM COUNTY.

Brookline, Dover, Dummerstonill, Guilford, Londonderry, Rockingham, Stratton, Whitingham, Windham, Wilmington.

BENNINGTON COUNTY.

Landgrove, Manchester, Peru, Rupert, Sandgate, Sunderland, Winhall.

WINDSOR COUNTY.

Andover, Barnard, Bethel, Bridgewater, Cavendish, Chester, Hartland, Hartford, N. P. Reading, Royalton, Weston, Windsor, W. P. Woodstock, S. P.

CALEDONIA COUNTY.

Barnet, Burke, Cabot, Danville, Kirby, Lyndon, St. Johnsbury, Walden, Wheelock.

CHITTENDEN COUNTY.

Colchester, Milton, Richmond, Shelburn, Underhill.

ESSEX COUNTY.

Guildhall, Concord, Lunenburgh.

RUTLAND COUNTY.

Brandon, Clarendon, Mountholly, Pittsford, Rutland, E. P.

ORANGE COUNTY.

Roxbury, Strafford, Vershire, Washington.

ADDISON COUNTY.

Bristol, Hancock, Kingston, Leicester, Starksboro, Warren, Whiting.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Calais, Duxbury, Marshfield, Moretown, Northfield, Plainfield, Stowe, Waterbury.

ORLEANS COUNTY.

Albany, Barton, Brownington, Coventry, Eden, Glover, Greensboro', Irasburgh, Kellyvale, Morristown, Troy, Westfield, Wolcott.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Berkshire, 2 churches. *Cambridge, Franklin, Johnson, Montgomery, Sheldon, St. Albans.*

GRAND-ISLE COUNTY.

South-Hero.

Amount received by the Treasurer of the Vermont Juvenile Missionary Society, from August 1, to Nov. 9, 1822.

Strafford Congregational Soc.		9 00
Female Cha. Soc. Norwich, S. P.		10 00
Mrs. J. Gould, Essex, N. Y.		1 00
For miss. services, Waterbury		4 00
"	Craftsbury	8 00
"	Stowe	6 00
"	Morristown	3 50
"	Wolcott	3 00
Cong. Society, Shelburne		5 00
Donation from a Friend		2 00
Hartland, for miss. services		16 69
Dea. J. Stone, Eden		1 00
Contribution at Johnson		10 50
Female friend, Conway, Mass.		3 00
cash returned, being mistake in order paid D. Watson		5 00
Interest for one year on notes against Simmons & Bell,		30 00
Shoreham Juvenile Miss. Society,		6 00
Shoreham Female	"	9 00
Hinesburgh	"	22 00
Hinesburgh Female	"	7 00
Middlebury	"	30 00
Charlotte	"	20 22
Hartford	"	11 00
Williston,	"	30 00
Richmond	"	17 00
Shelburn	"	20 70
Shelburn Female	"	9 00
Bennington	"	9 00
Bennington Female	"	12 50
Woodford, donation by individuals		8 51
Thetford Juvenile Miss. Society		40 00
Castleton	"	21 00
Castleton Female	"	11 00
Rutland, E. P.	"	25 80
Orwell	"	21 00
Cavendish Female	"	4 25
Barnard	"	11 60
Cornwall	"	23 00
Cornwall Female	"	13 00
Ludlow	"	5 00
Reading	"	19 00
Charlotte	for 1821	15 00
Charlotte Female	"	8 37
First Christian Society Windham		70 00
Dummerston Hill, donation by individuals		7 00
Cavendish, dona. by individuals		23 00
Congregational Society, Grafton		18 00
Congregational Soc. Cambridge		20 00
Congregational Soc. Underhill		6 00
Westford, a donation		1 00
Woodstock Juvenile Miss. Society		12 00
Chelsea	"	12 00
Strafford Juvenile Miss. Soc.		18 00
Strafford Female	"	17 50
St. Johnsbury	"	21 50
Brookfield	"	20 00
Hartland, don. for miss. services		3 67
Strafford "	"	3 66
Donation, by a friend to missions		4 67
Donation by D. Watson, Woodstock		3 00
		$303 64

JOB LYMAN, *Treasurer.*

THANKSGIVING.

New Hampshire and Connecticut, Nov. 28; Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode-Island, New-York, and Maine, Dec. 5.

MARRIED,

In Montpelier, on the 30th ult. Mr. David Wright of Newport, N.H. to Miss Lucinda Washburn, daughter of Col. Asahel Washburn of this village, and on the same day, this couple took their departure to join the Mission at Elliot, in the Choctaw Nation, under an appointment by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Their marriage was consummated in the Circular monthly prayer meeting of the Churches in this vicinity, holden at that time and place, by which meeting they and their mission were affectionately commended to the blessing of God. After public worship was ended, the parting hymn, 'Blest be the tie,' &c. was sung at the house of Col. Washburn, and the family and friends (for the last time probably) united in prayer and benediction offered by their Pastor. The family connections of the Missionaries, and other friends convened on the occasion, accompanied them to Middlesex, and bade them farewell. Long may they be remembered in the prayers of the church, and long may they live to bless the Mission to which they are attached, and to labor for the promotion of the temporal and immortal welfare of the perishing Choctaws!

Donations, to the amount of fifty dollars, were made in this place and Waitsfield, towards furnishing a library for Mr. Wright, and contributing to the comfort of their tedious journey. A number of valuable charities were bestowed on Mrs. Wright by the liberal hand of the ladies.—*Mont. Watch.*